TWO MURDERS.

Correct Accounts of the Puna and Kona Atrocitles.

His Honor Judge Bickerton has given our reporter particulars from memory of the evidence upon which the two Chinamen were convicted, whom it was his painful and solemn duty to sentence to the extreme penalty of the law while presiding at the Waimea Circuit Term. The accounts differ considerably from the first published reports made up hastily from different sources.

THE MURDER OF KAPAHEE IN PUNA. The connection of Ahapa alias Ah Hop with the murder of the aged school teacher, Kapahee, in the Puna District, was established judicially according to the following particulars. There was an appeal pending at the time the deed was committed in a lawsuit between Ah Sue, the Chinese prisoner who committed suicide on the steamer W. G. Hall, and Kapahee. It was to be heard at the Kan term in September. A few days before the term was to open, Ah Suand Ahapa were seen passing up the road toward Capt. Eldart's house. pahee had gone ahead of them some time before. All were walking, none having horses. Kapahee went to Eldart's expecting to collect quite a sum of money from Eldart for services rendered. He found, however, that only \$10 were due him, which Eldart paid. Kapahee left there about 8 a. m., to go back by the same road, and was never again seen alive. His body was found secreted two or three days afterward in a large crack in the lava field, very much mutilated about the head and the place covered with moss-covered stones. The discovery was made through the scenting of a dog and surrounding large swarms of flies. A great many people had turned out to engage in the search. The party found on close examination stones in the road having gray hairs and blood marks on them. By such marks the place was indicated where the body had beer dragged from the road into the bush also the place where the body had lain for some time before last concealment This was mauka, but the body was found some distance makai, of the Government

A remarkable circumstance here enters the chain of convicting evidence It appears that a little boy about eight years of age had passed along the road where the two Chinese had been seen to go and Kapahee to come. The boy knew the Chinamen well, as everybody in the locality did. He first saw the other one and a little further on the one now under sentence of death secreted in a cleft of the rock by the side of the road. The next morning this boy pointed out to the people searching for Kapahee, whose murder had as yet been undiscovered, where he had seen these two Chinamen. They having in the face of this positive information stated that they were not on the road at all led to their arrest. It seemed that Kapahee while returning on foot from Eldart's must have been struck when passing with a heavy stone from behind, then probably finished and dragged off into the bush. That night a strange Chinaman arrived at Ah Sue's house, where he and Ahapa were living, and they forced the stranger by threats of killing him to go with them to move the body from the place they had temporarily secreted it in the bush. They took a pack donkey and about midnight removed the body down to the place where it was discovered buried in the rocks. The prisoner under sentence himself testified to the same facts as the third Chinaman employed, about mov-ing the body, but he claimed that Ab Sue had done the killing and that he (Ahapa) had taken no part in it.

THE RONA MURDER. Akana, the condemned prisoner from South Kona, had been living with his consin Ah Sin at Napoopoo. The two kinsmen had, it appears, had a dispute about \$200 that Akana owed to Ah Sin. Akana had been spreading a report around for a week before the tragedy, to the effect that Ah Sin contemplated committing suicide. That afternoon he removed a very old native woman from their house to the house of neighbors, telling them that if she stayed at the first-mentioned place she might die or be killed. About 8 o'clock that night the house was seen to be on fire by the people living in the neighborhood. They hurried to the spot and found the house all burned down, but could find nothing of the Chinese who had lived in it. They then began a search, going down to the house of the father-in-law of Akana. Arriving there in the middle of the night they found Akana there, but could not get any information regarding Ah Sin. Akana acted very strangely about some wounds on his head, telling different stories about them.

In the morning all went up to the scene of the fire and there found in the debris the remains of a human being, the breast of which had not been burned owing to its lying close to the ground. Upon examination of the body they were satisfied that it was that of Ah Sin from particles of clothing left. There were two cuts in the breast. They next found a bucket containing some clothes and water under a tree. They asked Akana whose clothes these were, and he said they were his. Spots of blood were also discovered in the vicinity, scattered over the lauhala leaves. It was ascer-tained that blood had been washed out of the clothes and the discolored water thrown away and replaced with fresh water, but still the second water showed Of a Policy in the Manhattan Life on the New Plan. indications of blood, while stains of that fluid remained in the clothes. The natives then detained Akana till the officers of the law got there. Akana was in the habit of returning to the father inlaw's house early in the evening, but on this occasion he did not get there till 8:30 o'clock, and wearing different clothes to those he were away in the morning, while what he wore in the morning were the clothes found in the bucket. He was arrested under the new law on a warrant from Circuit Judge Austin and committed for trial at Waimes. The horrifying crime was perpetrated on November 3d, and on the 29th of the same month the prisoner was sentenced to death.

A great deal of evidence was taken in

both the above cases. It was mostly circumstantial but very closely and it some points almost marvelously linked together. The very defense in each case was coroborative in certain particulars to the prosecution's testimony.

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